

Wa Wee Highland Development Project Using Royal Project System



Background

Previously, Wa Wee was a small village where Lahu (Muser) and Lisu hill tribes lived and had difficult lives. Later, many other hill tribes migrated to this village, including the Yao, Karen, Akha, and Chin Ho tribes. Subsequently, the Office of Narcotics Suppression Region 5 requested assistance from the Royal Project Foundation and the Highland Research and Development Institute (Public Organization) to solve the development issues and the problem of drug epidemics.

Geography

The area is mountainous at 823 – 1,204 meters above sea level

Climate

The average temperature is 28 C° (82 F°)

Population

There are 24,611 people in 25 main villages and 35 sub-village. It consists of Akha, Lahu (Muser), Yao, Chin Ho, Karen, Lisu, Tai Yai and Native Thai people.

Career

Most of people are farmers.

Problems and development guidelines

To develop the Wa Wee villagers and the area, HRDI assists them in community strength and basic needs. Firstly, strengthening the communities. Through the cooperation of communities and government agencies, farmers can improve and develop their agricultural careers while adhering to the Royal Project's knowledges. This has led to strong community leaders, experienced community researchers, and the formation of agricultural institutes by farmers. Lastly, the infrastructure development. With the cooperation of related agencies, there are transportation routes for connecting villages in Wa Wee Sub-district. Although many villages have access roads, some villages still have dirt roads. Additionally, the villages could access electricity, telephone services, education, and public health facilities.



Main produces of the center

Coffee, Lychee, Corn, several of bean, Assam, Oolong and Ching Ching teas, Macadamia, Tomato and Chayote fruit



Location

Moo 3, Wa Wee Sub-district, Mae Suai District, Chiang Rai 57180